



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Turkey & Upland Game Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	08/31/2019	9:30 am	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center, Miladore, Wis.
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Clarence Koch at 9:30am
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Mike Wade, Daniel Tyrolt, Dave Larson, Marcell Wielcoh, Roxanne Broullire, Michael Kautz, David Zielke, Roger Greenwood, Robert Nicksic, Otto Bowe, Clarence Koch, Don Anderson, Bernard Newman, John Cler, Bradley Hasheider, Oscar Mueller, Mark Witecha, Jake Donar, Ron Weber
EXCUSED	Jeremy Sarauer, Rodney Grant, Jason Leis, Arlyn Splitt, John Edelblute, Ryan Zimmerman, Jeff Winn, Thomas Daluga, Jr, Larry Wehrhelm
UNEXCUSED	Daniel Hayden
GUESTS	Randall Farchmin, Bob Theyerl, Ken Blombey

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	Set date for next meeting will be discussed in members matters
ACTION	none

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	Read by Clarence Koch
ACTION	None

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	Ken Blombey, Jan. grouse hunt shortened again this year with no science backed reason. Should bring it back. Bob Theyerl, Return turkey hunting season weeks to what they used to be. One week earlier then present. Randall Farchmin, Hunt with slingshot for small game to get kids involved more. Does not include turkey, Only small game and unprotected species
ACTION	None

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. [Agenda Items]**

1.	DNR Presentation Wildlife	Mark Witecha
	DISCUSSION	Fall Turkey was 5.1% success, 74,000 permits issued. No drawing this year, if you applied, you got one. Survey said 51% approval to 7% not approve for tags. Public is 81% satisfied with turkey management plan. Spring Turkey had 18.1% success rate which is pretty average state wide. Turkey population is remaining pretty stable. DNR figures approx. 86% compliance for turkey registration. 71% satisfied with the season structure. Ruffed Grouse drumming count up 41% this year statewide. The first statewide 10 year grouse management plan is nearing completion. Hope to be done by end of year. Sharptail Grouse-no tags given out this year for harvest. Closed season. Population is in decline. Mostly thought to be from less habitat available mostly on private land. There was discussion on weather the grouse population count is accurate or not and effect of West Nile virus on grouse.
	ACTION	None
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

2.	DNR Presentation Law Enforcement	Jake Donar
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DISCUSSION	Looking to hire property specific Wardens for certain properties. Ex. Devils Lake State Park. Compliance for call in registration is thought to be better for the 9 day deer hunt than the turkey hunt. People seem to forget to do it later and would be best to do right away.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**B. DNR Presentation Forestry**

Ron Weber

DISCUSSION	July 19-20th storm damage in Northern Wis. effected approx. 286,000 acres. Most loggers are hard to hire now because they are doing the clean up of the storm damage areas before the lumber degrades. Private Forestry Outreach Initiative update- Private landowners of 10 acres or more can get free consultation of what they have in their woodlots and what best management plan would work for what the landowner wants to achieve. It is up to the landowner if they want to proceed with the recommendation. If you have less than 10 acres you can call and get help also. They will talk to you to see what is the best action to take for a site visit or direct you in the right direction. The program has had great reviews from participants. The DNR goal is to talk to 20,000 landowners encompassing 1 million acres.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**C. Resolution 200419 Establish Earlier Opening date for Spring Turkey season**

Bob Theyerl

DISCUSSION	Discussion was given for and against changing it back to original dates. Ranged from season is now so late that the bugs and heat are out and the turkeys are less cooperative because mating season is winding down to it being better now to handle the early special hunts better the way it is. Like LTH and youth seasons	
ACTION	Motion to Reject by Roger Greenwood, 2nd by Mike Wade. Motion to reject failed. Motion to pass by Marcell Wieloch, 2nd by Dave Larson to accept. Motion to accept passed	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**D. Resolution 680519 Sling shot for small game**

Randall Farchmin

DISCUSSION	The purpose of this resolution is to get young people involved at a young age to enjoy the outdoors. Will include small game and non protected species. Does not include turkey.	
ACTION	Motion to accept by Bob Nicksic, 2nd by Marcell Wieloch. Motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**E. 220119 Split State start date for Spring Turkey Season**

Kevin Lange

DISCUSSION	This would effect zones 5,6,7 mostly. Mark Witecha said that surveys the DNR did showed slight more support state wide but was really close. Jake Donar mentioned that from a law enforcement side it is always easier to enforce a statewide rule than one that is split up. Was discussed that the season struture we have now is a good season for most years weather and should be left as is.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Roger Greenwood, 2nd by John Cler. Motion to reject passed	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	Dave Larson- leave late grouse season, Marcell Wieloch- have meeting on non holiday weekend, Mike Kautz.- have meeting 2nd or 3rd Saturday in August. John Cler- Grouse management plan has no one from our committee on it and we should have one. Thought 80% loss on turkey population in and around EuClaire. Early hatch not good, later	
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	ok. Bernard Newman- glad they do not close turkey early like they are with grouse. Don Anderson- seems like a lot of lone hens without poults this year. Mike Wade- change meeting date to better day. Bob Nicksic- need better meeting date. Wish we had a rep from our committee on the grouse management plan and on the committee that decided to close the season early. Clarence Koch- meeting next year we will try to do the 3rd Saturday in August
<b>ACTION</b>	None

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Bradley Hasheider</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>09/01/2019</b>